

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

SECRET

DATE 0421Z 19 MAR 1963

ROUTING

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TO : DIRECTOR

EO 12958 3.3(b) (1) > 25 yrs

FROM :

ACTION: OSA (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14)

CEPAC

P R I O R I T Y

INFO : S/C (15)

TOR: 0511Z 19 MAR 1963

Plot

IN 69436

TO PRITY INFO CITE

8684

OXCART FLTEST

NO NIGHT ACTION

ACFT NBR 4 MADE FLIGHT NBR 39 ON 18 MAR 63. GROSS WEIGHT 85,000 LBS WITH CG AT 21.2 PER CENT. PILOT: PARK. PURPOSE OF FLIGHT, CHECK AFTER INSPECTION AND PRELIMINARY NIGHT LIGHTING CHECK. TAKE OFF AT 1710 FOR 1 HOUR 24 MINUTES. AB TAKE OFF AND AB CLIMB AT 400 KEAS TO 20,000 FT AND PICKED UP MACH .90. CLIMBED TO 40,000 FT. VARIOUS CHECKS MADE. ACCELERATED TO MACH 1.1. AIRSTARTS NORMAL. RETURNED TO FIELD AND MADE LOW APPROACHES CHECKING COCKPIT LIGHTS AND LANDING LIGHTS. LANDING LIGHTS NEED ADJUSTING. RUNWAY LIGHTS REFLECTED OFF CHINES IN FRONT OF COCKPIT. COCKPIT LIGHTING VARIED CONSIDERABLY. PILOT RECOMMENDS ACFT BE CHECKED ON RUNWAY AT NIGHT TO GET LIGHTING SQUARED AWAY. ADF NOT RELIABLE. NORMAL LANDING AND CHUTE. NEXT FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR 0830 19 MAR 63.

END OF MESSAGE

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declassification